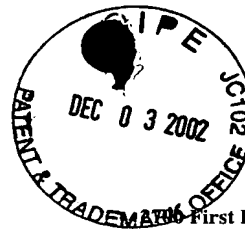


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REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request correction of the inventorship in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b). This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/655,127, filed September 5, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,235, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/018,542, filed February 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,163,903, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08,511,711, filed August 4, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,715,548. The new claims filed in the present continuation application have resulted in inventors being improperly included.

Peter M. Wukusick, Gregory W. Branson, James M.C. Thomas, Jay T. Butterbrodt, David J. Ulrich, Jason C. Brooke, Eric R. Meyer, John D. Miller, David A. Albersmeyer, and John W. Ruehl contributed subject matter in the originally filed application, U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08,511,711, filed August 4, 1995, but are not

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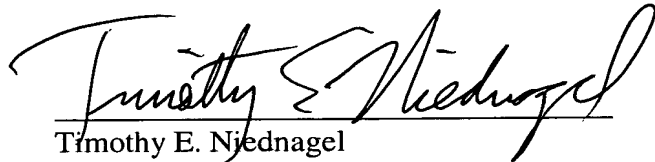
actual inventors of the subject matter claimed by pending claims 27-47. Accordingly, deletion of the names of Peter M. Wukusick, Gregory W. Branson, James M.C. Thomas, Jay T. Butterbrodt, David J. Ulrich, Jason C. Brooke, Eric R. Meyer, John D. Miller, David A. Albersmeyer, and John W. Ruehl as inventors in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Therefore, after such deletion, the correct named inventors of the invention claimed in claims 27-47 are Matthew W. Weismiller, Joseph A. Kummer, Kenneth L. Kramer, Stephen R. Schulte, Philip D. Palermo, and Daniel F. Dlugos, Jr.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the processing fee \$130 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), and any additional fees which may be required, to our Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$420.00, any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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